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How to Make Candy, [2*d ed.*].....Pap. 50

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Brief Honors..... 1.00

KELLY, PIET & CO., Baltimore.

Bessy..... 40
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A. K. LORING, Boston.

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Baby's Opera.....$1.00

MACMILLAN & CO., New York.

Quin, Garden Receipts..... 1.00

NELSON & PHILLIPS, New York.

Formal Fraternity.....75 c.; pap. 50
Porter, Helps to Official Members of M. E. Church..... 80
Townsend, Outlines of Christ. Theol..... 40

T. B. PETERSON & BROS., Phila.

Grey, The Flirt [*new ed.*].....$1; pap. 75

W. A. POND & CO., New York.

Weitzman, Manual of Musical Theory.... 2.50

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS, New York.

Academy Sketches.....Pap. 75
Century of Nursing.....Pap. 50
Crosby, Pulpit Teachings, Vol. 1, No. 1. Pap. 10
Handbook for Visitors to the Poor House. 50 c.; pap. 25
— for Hospital Visitors..... 50

A. D. F. RANDOLPH & CO., New York.

Prentiss, Our National Bane.....Pap. 50

RICHMOND, BACKUS & CO., Detroit, Mich.

Michigan, Rev. Rules of Sup. Ct., etc. Shp. 3.00
Notary's Manual..... 75

SCRIBNER, ARMSTRONG & CO., New York.

Froude, Short Studies on Great Subjects, 3d series, *Lib. ed.*..... 2.50

SCRIBNER, WELFORD & ARMSTRONG, New York.

Simmonds, Animal Products..... 2.50

E. B. SMITH & CO., Detroit, Mich.

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E. B. TREAT, New York.

Moody, To All People.$2 and $2.50; pap. 1.00

REES WELSH & CO., Phila.

Martin, Chester and Its Vicinity..... 5.00

JOEL WHITE, Montgomery, Ala.

Alabama Sup. Ct. Rep., Shepherd's v. 51. Shp. 6.00

A. WILLIAMS & CO., Boston.

Robinson, "Warrington" Pen Portraits... 2.50

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS.

RESOLVED, That this Convention recognize the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY *as the established organ of the entire trade, and recommend it to publishers as the medium through which they should make their "first announcement" of books they propose to publish, and the full title of all books immediately on publication.*—AMERICAN BOOK-TRADE ASSOCIATION.

BENZIGER BROS., New York.

Elements of Ecclesiastical Law. By Rev. S. Smith, D.D.

A Manual of Ordination. Arr. by Jas. S. M. Lynch.

Sunday-School Teachers' Manual. By Rev. A. A. Lambing.

Theologica Moralis. By Father Koning. *New rev. ed.*

Herz-Jesu-Buch zum Betrachten und Beten. Von J. U. Bauhaus, S.J.

BRYAN, BRAND & CO., St. Louis, Mo.

Autobiography and Confession of John D. Lee, the recently-executed Mormon Bishop. Illustr. [*By subscription.*]

G. W. CARLETON & CO., New York.

Me. An Amusing Brochure. Picturing the Trials and Tribulations of a City Lady who runs a Country Place for the Summer. 12°. Pap., 50 c. (*Ready.*)

Lights and Shadows of Spiritualism. By D. D. Home. 12°. $2. (*Ready.*)

HARPER & BROS., New York.

Camp, Court and Siege. By Wickham Hoffman.

Reconciliation of Science and Religion. By Alex. Winchell, LL.D 12°. $2. (*Nearly ready.*)

The Origin of the World, according to Revelation and Science. By J. W. Dawson, LL.D., etc. 12°. $2. (*Nearly ready.*)

A Popular Astronomy. By Prof. Simon Newcomb. With maps and ill.

The "Challenger" Expedition. The Atlantic: an Account of the General Results of the Exploring Expedition of H.M.S. "Challenger." By Sir Wyville Thomson. K.C.B., F.R.S. With numerous ill., colored maps, and charts, from drawings by J. J. Wyld, engr. by J. D. Cooper, and portr. of the author, engr. by C. H. Jeens. 2 vols. 8°.

JAS. R. OSGOOD & CO., Boston.

A Brief History of the Turks. From the German of Dr. Johannes Blochwitz. With two excellent maps and notes. 50 c.; pap., 25 c.

A Brief History of Russia. With two fine maps. 50 c.; pap., 25 c.

T. B. PETERSON & BROS., Phila.

Charles O'Malley, the Irish Dragoon. By Chas. Lever. New ed. "*Sterling Series.*" 8°. $1. — *People's ed.* With ill. 8°. $1.50.

PORTER & COATES, Phila.

Happy Days. With Contributions by Louisa M. Alcott, Edward Everett Hale, Mary M. Prescott, and other well-known authors. Illustr. Sm. 4°.

RICHMOND, BACKUS & CO., Detroit.

A Treatise on the Practice of the Courts of Common Law of the State of Michigan. With an Appendix of Precedents. By Sanford M. Green, one of the Circuit Judges of Michigan. Vol. 2. 8°, pp. 800. Sh., $6.50. (*Oct.*)

Report of Cases argued and determined in the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan. Being Vol. 2 of the regular series and Vol. 1 of Reports, by George C. Gibbs. Annotated by Hoyt Post, State Reporter. 8°, pp. 700. Sh., $6.50. (*Oct.*)

Walker Chancery Reports of Michigan Supreme Court Reports. Annotated Edition. By Hoyt Post, State Reporter. 8°, pp. 650. Sh., $6.50. (*Oct.*)

Cheever's Probate Law of Michigan. 8°. Shp., $5.50.

D. & J. SADLIER & CO., New York.

Golden Sands. A Collection of Little Counsels for the Sanctification and Happiness of Daily Life. Transl. from the French by Miss Ella J. McMahon.

CATALOGUES RECEIVED.

From **John P. Morton & Co.,** Louisville, Ky.—"Catalogue of Medical Works." The catalogue is divided into two parts, the first a one alphabet, and a classified list under subjects. 16°, pp. 69.

From **Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,** Cincinnati, Trade Price List, May 10, 1877. 12°, pp. 4.

From **Rees Welsh & Co.,** N. W. cor. 6th and Walnut streets, Phila.—"Catalogue of Very Cheap and Second-Hand Books, Law and Miscellaneous." 8°, pp. 18.

THE SCHOOL-BOOK QUESTION.

THE following letter, which appears in the *Tribune,* is an interesting contribution to the present discussion:

To the Editor of the Tribune:

SIR: Kindly indulge us in a few remarks inspired by your editorial of this date, headed "A Needed Reform."

(1) Judging by ourselves, the bill pending at Albany, which provides that a school-book once adopted cannot be changed for five years, has the entire approval of publishers.

(2) In point of fact, however, the average life of a good school-book, in a good school, is already longer than five years, the term proposed by the bill in question. Many are retained for 10, 15, 20, and even 25 years without change.

(3) The only "percentage" paid by the publishers to school boards is in the way of legitimate discounts, of which the public get the benefit. Any other construction of your remark on this point would seem an unwarrantable reflection upon those in whom the people have confided the sacred trust of education, and upon an honorable body of business men.

(4) The school-book business earns, for the successful houses engaged in it, a fair profit on the capital invested, averaging, perhaps, 10 per cent, taken year by year; though of late they have to be contented with a much smaller dividend.

(5) We owe to the vigorous competition which prevails in this branch the fact that our school system is effectively complemented by the best school-books in the world. A "worthless book" would not stand the slightest chance in the race for favor. Respectfully,

NEW YORK, May 8, 1877. A. S. BARNES & CO.

BUSINESS NOTES.

LISTOWEL, ONT.—The stock of E. B. Sutherland, bookseller, etc., has been attached.

MARION, O.—C. P. Gailey, books, stationery, etc., has gone out of the business.

MEAFORD, Ont.—Hafer & Deweese have purchased the book and stationery business of Henry K. Pearce & Co.

NEW BRITAIN, Ct.—J. O. Denning having retired from the firm of Hart & Denning, booksellers, etc., the business will be continued under the style of Adna Hart & Son.

NEW YORK CITY.—The American Society of Civil Engineers, G. Leverich, secretary, has removed to 104 East Twentieth street.

NEW YORK CITY.—Alex. Denham, bookseller and importer, has removed from 80 Nassau street to 706 Broadway.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Henry McElroy has been admitted to the firm of S. S. Collins & Co., booksellers.

STAMFORD, CT.—Jas. P. Holmes has sold out his book and news business to J. K. Butler.

The Publishers' Weekly.

MAY 19, 1877.

PUBLISHERS are requested to furnish title-page proofs and advance information of books forthcoming, both for entry in the lists and for descriptive mention. An early copy of each book published should be forwarded, to insure correctness in the final entry.

The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries." Notes from librarians will also be gratefully received.

In case of business changes, notification or card should be immediately sent to this office for entry under "Business Notes." New catalogues issued will also be mentioned when forwarded.

"*Every man is a debtor to his profession, from the which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto.*"—LORD BACON.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE DIFFICULTY.

THE block in the New York Custom House, in which many of the leading New York publishers, besides those houses especially interested in importing, happen to be involved, doubtless arises from the well-meant intention of the new Treasury broom to sweep clean revenue abuses. The practical effect has been to put a temporary embargo on a considerable class of importations, at the close of a season, when it comes most awkwardly, and to work decided injustice to houses as to whose honesty and fair-mindedness there can scarcely be question.

The difficulty came up over the application of a New York importer to recover a rebate on a well-known work, which he had entered, through the error of an English clerk, at 42s. the set, understood to be a wholesale price for English consumption, instead of 30s. the set, the price at which, it is stated, he was enabled, by a stroke of enterprise, to contract for a thousand sets for exportation. The only effect of the application, since the government declines to rebate on a valuation sworn to without protest or appeal, was to call the attention of the Washington authorities to the general subject.

The New York and, we believe, the general practice has been to accept invoices at the sworn cost, unless in special cases there was reason to suspect the honesty of this valuation. There has been a general impression among the trade that no valuation was accepted at less than half off the retail price, but this seems to be founded on some ruling of a previous local administration, of which the present appraisers know nothing. The present question brought out a letter of instructions from the Treasury authorities to the New York appraisers, directing valuations to be at the "market rate for home consumption," but this letter was followed by a second, at considerable length, virtually withdrawing the phrase and amplifying the instructions into such indefinite form as to puzzle the appraisers. We understand that the latter have explained the matter at length in a report to the Washington authorities, from whom a further decision is daily expected. The issue is whether the department will continue to accept valuation at cost or will insist upon setting up an artificial valuation having some fixed relation to the English retail price.

The tariff act gives as the basis of valuation "the cost, *or* the actual wholesale price or general market value at the time of exportation in the principal markets of the country from whence the same shall have been imported into the United States." This *or* of course raises an ambiguity, but it is evident from the forms of oath that the words following are recognized *only* as an alternative when actual cost is not involved, as in the case of consignments to agents. The "*owner's* oath" uses the term "actual cost" only; the "consignee, importer, or agent's oath" affirms that the invoice exhibits the "actual cost or fair market value." This last covers the case of the English branch houses in this city, the "fair market value" being accounted by the appraisers the price an American buyer, buying like quantities under like circumstances (*i.e.*, for this market) would pay. For instance, suppose a line of books, as juveniles, that can be purchased in England in an edition for exportation here at a half off, were charged to an English branch house at absolute cost of paper and print, say but a third of retail price: in that case the appraisers' valuation would be at 6d. not at 4d. to the shilling, a practice, we believe, generally accepted by English branch houses as giving a satisfactory basis.

The perplexity of the government evidently comes from what always crops up as the perplexity in the book business, the fact that the immaterial element and the amount of duplication prevent the manufacturing cost from being any criterion of the real cost, worth, or price of books. Bi-carbonate of soda is worth about so much, by the ton or ten tons, for home use or exportation; but the sales value of a book varies utterly by the hundred or thousand and whether it is to be sold in an open or copyright market. In dealing with ordinary material of commerce, the government does not recognize exceptional individual purchases below market rates; but, even if this rule can be generally upheld in the courts, it does not apply in books, where all purchases for import are indi-

vidual, and to that extent exceptional. No market rate other than actual cost can fairly be assumed. The old rule, in a word, seems to be the only fair one, although there might be little general objection to a reasonable *minimum* being set, to cover the consignment question.

One thing may be said: this is not a question of revising the tariff or altering existing laws. American publishers, as manufacturers, may desire a duty of other kind or amount, as a specific tax per pound, and the present difficulty may revive all these questions: but that is not the present issue. It is simply a clear, reasonable construction of the existing law, general in its application, that is now the *desideratum*, and the old rule seems the right one. It may be added that, well-meaning as the present movement of the authorities may be, they have done a great wrong to existing commerce in uprooting a settled rule without notice or warning. Vacillating legislation is bad enough, but of that there is practical notice. But what sort of management is it that says to an importer, as is just now said, "We cannot tell you on what valuation we can accept your invoice"? The best comment is the statement, made to us, that one firm has countermanded an order for fifty cases of goods.

We propose to issue in connection with the number for June 9th a Summer Season Supplement to the Publishers' Weekly, adapted for imprint circulation throughout the summer. This will afford to publishers an excellent opportunity to bring before the trade and the public such books as find their especial sale during the travelling season: the many series of novels and other light literature, collections of poetry and poems suited to the season, guide-books and sketches of nature, books of humor, railroad literature, books for the pocket, etc., etc. All books advertised will be indexed under their proper head, and there will be attractive reading matter bearing on the subject of summer reading. We expect a special circulation for this number at watering-places and other summer resorts, but to booksellers generally the number will be invaluable in spurring up summer trade, in a season when trade needs some such spurring. Advertising terms through the imprint editions will be at but a small advance over regular rates, and the terms for editions will be made little above cost of paper, print, and handling. They will probably be in the neighborhood of $4 per hundred, and conditional subscriptions are requested from the trade, with a view to planning the scope of the work.

COMMUNICATIONS.

OUR ENGLISH BRETHREN.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 11, 1877.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

The readers of the London *Bookseller* have not failed to notice with more or less surprise the card of Messrs. "Walker and Dalrymple," "Tea dealers and produce distributors."

The above firm, it seems, realizing the unfortunate state of the bookselling and stationery business in the United Kingdom, calls the attention of its members to their goods as follows: "*Stationers' Opportunity*;" "*Stationers' Tea Agency*;" "*Tea no longer a Grocer's Monopoly.*"

That our transatlantic brothers are in the midst of trouble as great as ours we have had no doubt. But we have yet to see in our "Official Organ" (The Publishers' Weekly) a flaming advertisement of "Produce Distributors" calling upon us to embrace his wares and business.

This is, I think, strong evidence to the fact that the English booksellers are in a more deplorable condition than the American, and we could likely extend a helping arm across the Atlantic and assist them to their feet.

This is nevertheless a severe rebuke to all engaged in the book business, when it is heralded through the columns of our "trade" journal that the sale of a foreign article (tea) "will be found to form a valuable adjunct to the general stationery business, and beg the attention of booksellers and stationers" to a line of specialties in the same.

But if we are to sell any part of the grocer's stock, let us have full sway; we can then offer a premium of "Webster's Unabridged Dictionary" to the purchaser of a dried herring, and the man who buys a mackerel shall have a set of "Dickens" thrown in.

Very truly,
Jas. R. Salmon.

THE EDUCATIONAL CATALOGUE.

Dayton, O., May 14, 1877.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

Your remarks in Weekly for 12th inst. in reference to next Educational Catalogue lead me to make a suggestion. It is that you print your titles in single column,—this alone, I think, would make it more convenient for reference; and print a double dollar and cent column on the right-hand side, one for trade and one for retail prices. Your list is so complete —and better for being so—that there will be many books in it not properly school-books, for which the publishers will not make a net price. Leave one or the other column, as the case may be, blank, to be filled out with pencil or ink as desired.

This may make the list cost more. If so, charge more. The list is a necessity, and the trade would pay for it.

Yours truly, John H. Thomas.

A CARD.

May 16, 1877.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

I notice in your issue of May 12th a card from Mr. Richard Brinkerhoff stating that he had severed his connection with the *Library*

Table in consequence of my having failed to keep my part of the partnership agreement proposed between us. I wish to distinctly deny the truthfulness of this statement.

Very truly yours,
HENRY L. HINTON.

BOOK NOTICES.

BIRDS AND POETS, by John Burroughs. (Hurd & Houghton). "Birds and Poets" is the title of the opening paper of this volume; the others are entitled "Touches of Nature," "A Bird Medley," "April," "Spring Poems," "Our Rural Divinity," "Before Genius," "Before Beauty," "Emerson," and "The Flight of the Eagle." In the last essay Walt Whitman's poems are reviewed, their fine points and faults being very impartially noted. There is an out-door atmosphere of spring and spring sunshine about the whole book that is very delightful to the reader. Mr. Burroughs is one of our most healthy, manly, and cultured essayists, revelling in nature in all her varied aspects, and catching the inspiration of her loveliest moods with a rarely gifted pen. Sq. 16mo, cloth, $1.50.

DOT AND DIME. (Loring.) This is another "companion" to "Helen's Babies." Dot and Dime are colored twins, who grow up on a large ranche in Southwestern Texas. They are very funny specimens of little darkies, saying and doing all sorts of odd things. They grow up to manhood and womanhood, Dime becoming a member of the Legislature, and Dot a happy wife. The white characters consist of the Ingram family and their children, upon whose plantation the story occurs. White and black play together and indulge in all the fun and meriment that is to be obtained. Sq. 16mo, 50 cents.

HOW TO MAKE CANDY. (N. P. Fletcher & Co., Hartford, Ct.) Here is a clever little book, cleverly bound, with a device of red and white peppermint-stick border and a vignette of a happy Cupid eating away on another of the sweet delusions. It is already in its fifth edition, four thousand copies having been actually sold. The book is well gotten up, not as a catch-penny affair, but with practical recipes and directions that really make one's mouth water with sweet anticipations. It ought to sell like a cook-book, and just now that is saying a great deal. 12mo, paper, 50 cents.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE Danish book trade has now a weekly journal, published by Salmonson Bros., Copenhagen.

No. X. of the "Poets' Home Series" in *Wide Awake* will describe Mr. Wm. D. Howells' home at Cambridge. There will be views of the house and of the study, a portrait, and a picture, from Cranch's painting, of Mr. Howells' home while Consul at Venice.

THE first number of the *Library Table* as a weekly has been issued by H. L. Hinton & Co., under date of March 17. It is a sixteen-page journal of similar shape with the *Saturday Review*, and in general follows the typographical style of the English papers of that class. Political and social paragraphs, a biographical sketch of Joseph Autran, the French poet; signed reviews of Wallace's "Russia" and Blakeslee's "Archology," literary notes, an index to periodical literature, and a list of American books, are the leading contents of the first issue. It is published from 47 Lafayette Place, at $3.50 per year.

STATIONERY NOTES.

PATTERSON'S PAPER CASE is a very neat and useful article for the use of retail booksellers and stationers, as it is adapted to hold all the regular sizes of writing-paper. The advantages claimed for this new style of showcase are that it displays the various sizes and keeps the paper clean, thereby avoiding waste and increasing sales. It is made of durable material, is very neat and attractive in appearance, and is economical. It is made of black walnut, with partitions of oiled poplar, the front being of double thickness French glass. The door is made to open downwards, and when the case is not in use slides into its base, as shown in the cut in our advertising columns. Robert D. Patterson & Co., 300 and 302 North Main street, St. Louis, Mo., are the manufacturers and proprietors.

CAMERON, AMBERG & CO., Chicago, Ill., have assumed the management of the business heretofore conducted by W. F. Adams, 59 Murray street, New York (as their general Eastern agent), which expired by limitation on the 12th inst. The demand for their Patent File and Binder and Cabinets has increased to such an extent in the East as to demand the carrying of a larger stock. Mr. D. R. Cameron is now in this city making the necessary arrangements to have constantly on hand a full and complete assortment of the Amberg patent cabinets, files, and binders. The office will be under the supervision of Mr. John H. Amberg at the above address. We understand that the sales of Amberg's patent file and binders have been very large for the past year in London, since their establishment of a branch house at No. 70 Queen street.

THE enterprise of Messrs. Perry & Co., of London, must be pretty well known the world over, for their *Monthly Illustrated Price Current*, always readable and full of information and lately appearing in a new and most tasteful cover, is circulated most widely, and they have branch houses not only in New York (112 William street), but at Brussels, Frankfort, and Amsterdam. The latest evidence of their prosperity is the erection of their new premises on Holborn Viaduct, London, of which cut and description appear in the recent *Price Current*. The new building offers remarkable facilities for the transaction of their immense business, which include for one item a pen trade, embracing over 2000 patterns, and employing at Birmingham 800 hands in works covering over two acres. This firm claims historical as well as present eminence as the oldest in the world in the steel-pen manufacture, dating back to 1817. A fine line of their various goods will be found at the New York office, where, as at the London house, the trade will be treated with attention and courtesy.

SLOTE, WOODMAN & CO., 119 and 121 William street, New York, are adding many new

styles of Mark Twain's scrap-books to their list, among which are No. 3, demy 4to. 50 leaves, full cloth stamped, at $18 per dozen; and No. 11, medium, ditto, at $a4 per dozen. The newest line is their pictorial scrap-book, for preserving in a neat and handy way the pictures of the various illustrated newspapers, bound in handsome styles, size 11½ x 16½, in one, two, and three hundred pages, and in half roan, paper sides, half roan, cloth sides, and three-quarter Russia, cloth sides, which sell at $2.25, $3.50, and $5 each, less a liberal trade discount.

WM. J. QUARRY, Cincinnatti, O., has just patented a new method for mounting show-cards, maps, etc., in combination with a card, map, chart, print, or other like article mounted upon a stretcher with its face inward, so as to be surrounded by the projecting frame. A sheet of stiff straw, tar, or other board is glued or cemented to the back of said mounted article.

PORTER & BAINBRIDGE, New York, are making their "La Tilleul" papeteries in Octavo, Alexandria, and Royal Note sizes. The name of this papeterie indicates the tint of paper, which is a very delicate straw at present very fashionable among the ladies. They contain two quires and envelopes to match, and sell at $7.50 per dozen boxes.

MR. ALFRED IRELAND, agent for Marcus Ward & Co., sailed on the 17th in the American steamer Indiana. He expects to be absent about three months to make arrangements for the shipment of a full line of their celebrated manufactures, the sales of which are reported to have greatly increased under his management.

A NOVELTY, just devised and copyrighted by John Church & Co., has been prepared by them for premiums to new subscribers to "Churchs' Musical Visitor." It is called "The Auto-Music Album," and is to the musician and music scholar what the ordinary autograph album is to the literary souvenir-seeker.

HENRY C. BAINBRIDGE has succeeded in manufacturing black bordering ink which he claims to be equal to any imported. The samples shown are of a jet black color, and of a rich gloss which will not smut or rub even when wet. It will soon be offered for sale by Porter & Bainbridge, New York.

O. M. ALLEN, Kalamazoo, Mich., has just patented a pencil with reservoir crayon chamber forming a single-sheet case. It is automatically adapted to feed leads or crayons, which are placed inside a small feed cylinder supplying them singly, for use, into the tip of the pencil.

A. C. ADAMS, Cambridge, Mass., has just patented a calendar which can be kept open at any month, sheet, or page. These pages are not torn off at the end of each month, but can be kept intact for future reference.

CARL N. BROMBACHER, Portsmouth, O., has just patented a slate-frame having one side wider than the rest and provided with a cloth-lined recess for the purpose of holding pens, pencils, penholders, etc.

CHAS. H. HUNTER, Secretary of the Stationers' Board of Trade, has gone West for the purpose of settling up some bankruptcy cases. During his absence Mr. Willy Wallach will take charge of the office in his stead.

E. MORGAN, Springfield, Mass., has just patented an improved box for stationery or papeteries, which when opened presents four compartments.

JOHN W. MANNING, Cambria, N. Y., has been awarded a patent on a copy-book with combination movable copy.

H. G. HUESTED, Bridgeport, Ct., has just been awarded a patent for a coin-holder.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

THE new "Digest of Law Publications" of Robert Clarke & Co. deserves more attention than most catalogues received. Although chiefly a sales catalogue, it is so arranged as to be of very great service as a partial bibliography, its arrangement by topics differentiating it from previous issues. The headings are many, with frequent cross-references, and under each full titles are given. In addition to the body of the book, there are an Index arranged alphabetically by Authors: a List of American, British, and Canadian Law Periodicals; Lists of Federal Reports, Statutes, and Digests, and of State Reports, Statutes, and Digests; Abbreviations used in Reference to American Reports and Reporters; American Reporters Cited by Name of the State; Table of British Regnal Years; List of British Law Terms; Chronological List of English Reports; British Trials, Chronological List of Irish Reports; Chronological List of Scotch Reports; British Colonial Reports; Abbreviations of English, Scotch, and Irish Law Books. Messrs. Clarke are entitled to great credit for this useful bit of enterprise, issued in such neat and handy shape.

HENRY HOLT & CO. have nearly ready for publication "Thornbury's Life of Turner," the artist, with fac-simile illustrations in colors from some of Turner's original drawings. The first edition, prepared with Mr. Ruskin's assistance and founded on letters and papers furnished by Turner's friends and fellow-academicians, was published in 1861. The present edition has been revised and mostly rewritten, and contains much matter, including sixteen newly-discovered letters from the artist, never before published. It also contains in the appendix a complete catalogue of all Turner's engraved works, a catalogue of all the pictures exhibited by him in the Royal Academy and British Institution between the years 1787 and 1850, with the poetical and explanatory quotations appended, catalogues of various collections of his paintings, drawings, etc., now existing, and also catalogues, with prices and descriptions, of the principal sales since 1833. The book is a 12mo of about 650 pages, and will appear in the "Amateur Series," which already contains "Wagner's Art Life and Theories," and Moscheles' "Recent Music and Musicians."

THE CAXTON CELEBRATION.—The loan collection of articles connected with the art of printing will be opened at South Kensington, the western galleries having been put at the disposition of the committee by direction of the Queen, on Monday, June 11th, and will probably be kept open for two months. Among the members of the general committee are the following Americans: J. C. Brevoort, Geo. W.

Childs, Gen. John Eaton, Richard Hoe, H. O. Houghton, G. H. Moore, Joel Munsell, W. F. Poole, Stephen Salisbury, Lloyd P. Smith, A. R. Spofford, J. H. Trumbull, and Justin Winsor. The exhibition will possess much bibliographical interest, especially in Class A (printed books), in which Caxtonia and other early works will have prominent place. Lord Spencer has offered the committee choice of all his treasures, which include 57 Caxtons, 11 block-books, etc., and the Bodleian, Lambeth, the Cathedral, and other great libraries have made similar proffers.

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THE annual report of the American Tract Society states that the whole number of new publications issued during the year was 132, of which 31 were in volumes. The new books include nine in the German language, one large and valuable book in Spanish, and another in Portuguese; a number of tracts have been published in French and Danish. The six periodicals of the society are reported to be more than self-supporting. Publications valued at $44,200.44 were gratuitously distributed.

THE Friends' Book Association, of Philadelphia, at its annual meeting elected a new board of managers for the ensuing year. The secretary reports that the amount of sales of the association were about the same as the previous year, and the profits on sales just about paid the store expenses. The exact amount of the sales could not be ascertained until the annual inventory of stock.

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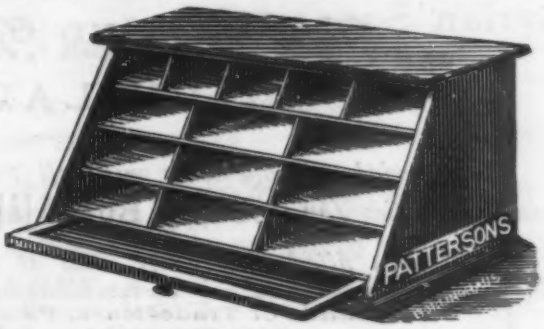

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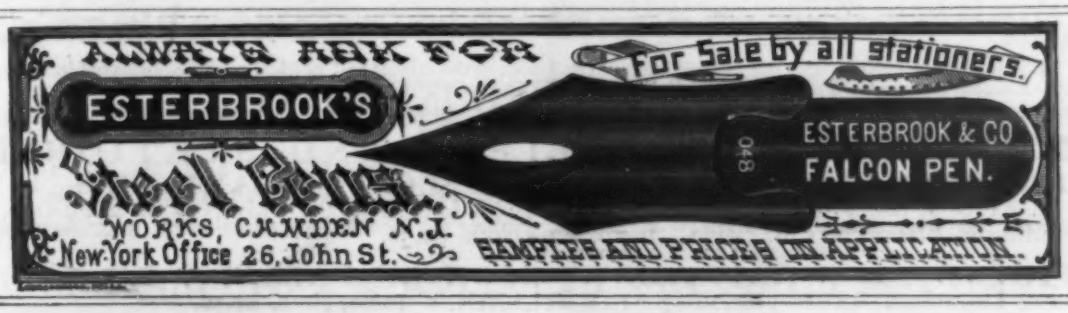

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